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Amendment A

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A strapping machine for positioning a strap material around an associated load, tensioning the strap material and sealing the strap material to itself around the load, the strapping machine comprising:

- a frame;
- a slack box having a slack box cover;
- a first portion of a strap path having a cover over a portion thereof;
- a strapping head mounted to the frame, the strap path cover extending over a portion of the strapping head, the strapping head including a winder for tensioning the strap material around the load;

- a chute mounted to the frame and configured for positioning the strap material around the load and to release the strap therefrom to pull the strap material to the load; and

- at least one enclosure for enclosing a portion of the strap path, the enclosure having a door having a quick-release latch for fully removing the door from the enclosure, the door having a slot therein, the quick release latch having a projection movable across the slot for defining a pintle opening, the projection movable to define a door pivoting position and a door removal position, the latch including a release handle for moving the projection out of the slot to define the door removal position for fully removing the door from the enclosure, the door including a lower hinge pintle engageable with an opening in the frame.

2. (Original) The strapping machine in accordance with claim 1 wherein the enclosure door release handle is biased to the move the projection into the slot.

3. (Currently amended) The strapping machine in accordance with claim 1 wherein the door release handle for fully removing the door from the enclosure is mounted to an interior surface of the door and is accessible only with the door in an open position.

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4. (Original) The strapping machine in accordance with claim 1 wherein the door release handle is mounted to an upper lip of the door.